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ARGENTINIAN INITIATIVE

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH WARREN OF CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTEL, DEPT LEARNED THAT CANADA HAD NOT YET TAKEN DECISION ON ASSISTING FINANCING OF TWO-WEEK SYMPOSIUM PROPOSED BY OTERO OF ARGENTINA AND NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN BY PLOWMAN OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LONDON BASED ORGANIZATION WITH WHOM WARREN PROMISED TO

SPEAK. WARREN WILL BE BRIEFING NEW CANADIAN DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS NEXT WEEK IN EFFORT OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR DOLLARS 15,000 EACH FOR MEETING PROPOSED BY OTERO IN JULY AND PROPOSED ITU REGIONAL SEMINAR IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1979. WARREN BELIEVED CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT

CANADA WILL MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE AND WILL LET DEPT KNOW STATUS OF CANADIAN CONSIDERATION NEXT WEEK RE SITE OF MEETING. CANADIANS HAVE HEARD THAT ALL HOTEL SPACE FULLY BOOKED IN BUENOS AIRES IN JULY AND HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS RE FEASIBILITY OF HOLDING MEETING AT THATTIME AS PROPOSED BY OTERO.

- 2. WARREN DID NOT KNOW WHEN PLOWMAN WOULD MAKE DECISION ON FINANCING BY HIS ORGANIZATION, BUT WE SUSPECT HE MAY BE INFLUENCED BY OUTCOME OF CANADIAN CONSIDERATION.
- 3. ALTHOUGH DEPT AGREES THAT WESTERN HEMISPHERE CONSULTATIONS ON WARC '79 HIGHLY DESIRABLE, WE HAVE NOT ENCOURAGED COMCITEL ON POSSIBILITY OF FINANCING BY U.S. SINCE AT THIS TIME FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. IN ANY EVENT, WE WILL WANT TO CONSIDER WHETHER CANADA AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOLLOW THROUGH ON WARREN'S INITIATIVE AT COMCITEL BEFORE RESPONDING TO OTERO. VANCE

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